

**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended this application in response to the office action. New drawings with changes to the references numerals are attached.

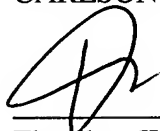
The McKinven reference cannot meet the claims as amended. None of the several McKinven seals have the slinger end and slinger extension portions as recited in the claims. Moreover, the details of the seal are also not shown by McKinven.

Further, applicant petitions for a two-month extension of time. Fees in the amount of \$450.00 are paid by the attached check.

For the reasons set forth above, allowance of all claims is in order.

Respectfully Submitted,

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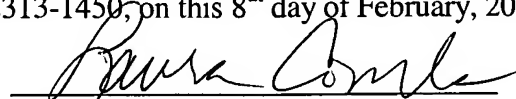


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